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JAMES HOLT, RUSSELL COUNTY MAN

Arrested in Louisville--Police Think He is Implicated in Murder.

James O. Holt, formerly of Russell county, has been arrested in Louisville and is being held as a suspect in connection with the murder of Mrs. Virginia Etly last Thursday morning. Thursday morning about one o'clock Mrs. Virginia Etly, wife of Mr. Thomas Etly, a laborer, was discovered with a throat cut and skull caved in. The husband and daughter were sleeping in an adjoining room and three children were in the same apartments with the murdered woman. No trace of the person who committed the crime has been found, but the police strongly suspect Holt as the guilty party. He bears a very unsavory reputation in that section of the city and has been arrested more than twenty times on various charges. Wednesday afternoon a 2 o'clock Holt was released from the workhouse, where he had been incarcerated for driving his wife and mother-in-law from home with threats to murder them. Immediately upon his release he made inquiries for his family, who had moved to get away from him, and stated that he intended to kill his mother-in-law. About 11:30 o'clock he was seen in the neighborhood of the Etly home in a half drunken condition; a few minutes later a man was seen running from the direction of the murdered woman's home hatless, and as Holt cannot give an entirely clear account of himself he is held as a suspect. During the evening he claimed to have lost his hat, but cannot remember where.

James O. Holt is a native of Russell county, and bore the reputation in that section of a very dangerous man. About twelve or fifteen years ago he murdered Milt Coffey, in a drinking house about two miles from Jamestown and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. During Gov. Bradley's administration he was pardoned by Lieut. Gov. Worthington, and we understand that he has since served a term in the State penitentiary.

At one time Holt was a citizen of Columbia and he was generally regarded as a vicious, quick-tempered and a man who knew no fear. During his life in our town he was engaged in a number of quarrels and came very near murdering one of our citizens.

VOTE IN ADAIR COUNTY.

In the Democratic Primary held Tuesday, November 6th, the following are the majorities received.

Beckham, 575.
Hager, 669.
Hendrick, 532.
Winfrey, 133.
Newman, 386.

In the Congressional race Dr. Arch Gatliff, the Democratic nominee, carried Adair county by twenty-six majority over his opponent, D. C. Edwards. Eld. Tobias Huffaker, the Prohibition nominee received 70 votes.

DEATH OF THOMAS M. SCOTT.

A Native of Cumberland County, but Died at Wade, Ind., Ter.

Thos. M. Scott was born in Scott's Bottom, Cumberland county, Ky., March 4, 1829 and until his removal in 1880 was one of the most successful farmers in that section. He was twice married, his first wife being Mrs. Nancy Graves, of Creelsboro, and his second wife Miss Sarah Wilson, of Adair county.

Twenty six years ago he moved with his family to Texas and settled on Reeds Prairie near Paris. Last Winter he sold his property there and spent the summer and fall with his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Parkes, of Denton Texas.

On Oct. 18th, accompanied by his wife he started to Ky to spend the remainder of his days. He stopped at Wade, Ind. Ter., to visit another daughter, Mrs. T. T. Vaughan and

while there contracted a severe cold which developed into pneumonia resulting in his death on the 28 of Oct. Besides the daughters mentioned he leaves wife and one son J. McScott who is now city editor of the Pine Bluff, Ark., Daily Graphic. He will return home with his mother as soon as he winds up his fathers business in the West.

BRICK WORK COMPLETED.

Mr. Robt. H. Casey, the contractor, has completed the brick work on the new bank at Cane Valley, and in a few days will put the finishing touches on the building. When completed and the organization begins receiving deposits we will have four banks in Adair county. The three institutions now in operation are doing a thriving business, and we trust to hear a good report from the Bank of Cane Valley.

AZBILL---SCHRAMM.

Wedding Will be Solemnized Thursday, November 29th.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Ethel Walcott Azbill and Mr. Louis Edward Schramm. Only relatives in town, neighbors, and a few friends are invited. Dr. and Mrs. La Fayette Page, Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Blakeman, of Indianapolis, Miss Hermina Schramm, of Chicago, Mr. Henry Freese, of Canton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burr, of Detroit, Michigan, and Mrs. Mollie Williams and her daughter, Miss Ruth Williams, of Campbellsville, are the house guests expected.

Miss Azbill was born in Columbia, and although much of her life has been spent elsewhere, it may be said that Columbia has always been her home. She was educated at the University of Illinois where she specialized in Library science. She afterwards became assistant librarian in the State Normal School of Wisconsin, and later, a member of the staff of the Cleveland Public Libraries.

Mr. Schramm was born and reared in Cleveland, Ohio. He is of German descent, his father being a member of a family still influential in the Provinz Hanover, Germany. The Elder Mr. Schramm, upon completing his course in Heidelberg University, came to America and settled in Cleveland while it was yet a young city, and there reared and educated his family. Mr. Louis Edward Schramm is a member of the firm of Landesman Hersheimer, wholesale cloak manufacturers, in Cleveland, Ohio.

CHAPMAN---WILBORN.

Miss Lillie Chapman and Mr. Robt. Wilborn, of the Glenville neighborhood, were married at the residence of the officiating minister, Eld. Z. T. Williams, in this city, last afternoon.

Miss Chapman is a daughter of the late Capt. J. S. Chapman and a sister of Messrs. John and Basil Chapman. She is a very popular young lady.

Mr. Wilborn is an industrious and energetic young man and has many friends throughout the county.

The News extends congratulations.

REMOVED TO TEXAS.

M. Sam R. Wheat and wife left Monday evening for their new home at Irving, Dallas county, Texas. Mr. Wheat was one of the best known of the younger farmers in Adair county. He and estimable, wife nee Miss Dunbar, have a large circle of friends who regret their departure. Mr. Wheat will engage in stock raising in Texas.

"FAITH, AND BE JASUS!"

A Scotchman named McLean was boasting of his family and said that the McLeans had lived before the flood.

Well, said one of his audience, "I never heard of the name of McLean having been in the ark, 'Noahs Ark' returned McLean in contempt. 'Who ever heard of a McLean that did not have a boat of his own,' and paddle it to his own notion.

The farmers Institute for Jamestown, Russell county is in session today (Wednesday) and Thursday.

ADAIR COUNTY FARMERS INSTITUTE.

Organized Monday and Tuesday. November 12th and 13th.

About fifty or sixty of Adair county farmers met in the courthouse, Monday November 12th in pursuance to a call from Commissioner of Agriculture Vreeland and organized the Adair county Farmers Institute with the following named gentleman as officers for the coming year.

President, H. B. Garnett, of Columbia; Vice Presidents H. K. Walkup, of Glensfork, R. A. Feese, of Cane Valley, and J. P. Dononey, Jr., Columbia; Secretary, W. Robt. Todd, Columbia; Treasurer, W. H. Flowers, of Bliss.

The lecturers sent here by the Commissioner of Agriculture were Messrs. J. B. Walker, of Hopkinsville, and Lowell Roubush, of New Richmond, Ohio. After the organization was perfected Monday Mr. Roubush made a very instructive and interesting talk on "Why Farmers Should Raise Sheep" and "Feeding Stock for Profit." Following this lecture, Mr. Walker was the next speaker with "Maintaining and Increasing Fertility of Soil", for his subject. Many questions were asked, which showed that farmers of Adair are unusually interested in these subjects.

At the evening session Mr. Walker gave a lecture on "How to Build and Maintain Good Roads" and from the interest manifested it is plain to be seen that Adair county is at last awakening to the incalculable value of good roads. Mr. Roubush lectured on "The Clouds, In and Above Them," which was so well received that he was forced to give another lecture "Uncle Sam's Land of the Midnight Sun." Both of these talks were from a scientific view and were pleasing, interesting and very instructive.

Tuesday morning the Institute was called to order by Vice President Walkup and a committee appointed to arrange the time, place and program for the next meeting. Up to the time of going to press the committee had not reported. After the business had been transacted Mr. Roubush lectured on "Alfalfa" and was followed by Mr. Walker with the subject of "The Selection of Seed Corn--Corn its Care and Management."

We think the organization of the Farmers Institute, one of the best steps for the advancement of the agricultural interests in Adair county and we hope that at its next meeting many new names will be enrolled.

S. H. GRINSTEAD & CO.,

Poultry and Commission Merchants Open Branch House in Columbia.

The S. H. Grinstead Co., doing a Poultry and Commission business, who conducted a house here last Winter have re-opened their heard-quarters and are ready for the trade.

They have secured the Hutchinson house and Messrs. Perry Hutchinson and Richard Durham, of Saloma, Taylor county, are in charge, both these gentlemen have had experience and are well up in their business. Wagons will be kept continually on the road and a large share of the trade in confidently expected.

Mr. Durham has secured rooms in the Columbia Christian College building and he and his mother are now citizens of our town.

STRAYED.

A dark jersey cow, with a bell on. Anyone finding her and putting her up will get paid for their trouble by addressing ARTHUR TAYLOR, CAMP KNOX Ky. 1-2t.

STRAYED.

A listed barrow, weighs about 60 pounds; crop off right ear and hole under bit in the left ear; short tail. Has been gone about a week. Anyone finding it will please put it up and let me

know at Columbia and I will pay them for their trouble. JOHN MURRELL, (col) Burkesville pike, 1/2 mile from court house. 1-2t

Reports from the various sections of Adair and adjoining counties show that valuable improvements in dwellings, barns, etc., are being made and that many new and handsome homes are being erected.

Mr. M. Cravens recently bought one lot of oak timber from S. H. Absher; one lot of same from Drewry Moore; mixed lot of oak and poplar from Robt. Montgomery and a bunch of oak and poplar from Wilson Johnson.

ELIDA, NEW MEXICO.

An Interesting letter From Mr. Edward T. Robertson.

Hoping you have room in your paper to publish a few lines, I will attempt to let my friends know how I am liking New Mexico. We are always glad when Saturday comes, each one being anxious to read the News. It is always a welcomed letter, as it has a warm place in my heart.

I am glad to hear your schools are flourishing and real estate still booming. I hope Columbia will be fortunate enough to get a railroad in the near future. I hope my mother is enjoying her visit, but I beg to state that we will not visit there soon as the Spectator seems to think.

New Mexico is a good place, having its advantages and disadvantages, as all places do. The climate is the finest I ever lived in, but I will never get used to the Western wind. The altitude of New Mexico is about 3000 feet. We have had a few heavy rains since my arrival here, and wheat is looking fine, most ready to pasture. Crops are fairly good. This place is like all others, a hustling man can make some money here, but the money is just beyond. This was election day, but everything passed quietly and the Democrats elected every county officer. It was quite different from our county election last Fall, in Adair, I mean.

The school facilities is a great drawback to the West, not being so good as in the East. We are blessed with good neighbors, such as Mr. Robert Grissom, Mr. McClister, Mr. Burbridge and sons, Mr. Nunn, Mr. Joe Taylor and sons, Dr. C. M. Murrell and family.

We are located in the Pecos Valley, within eight miles of a thriving railroad town. Dry Farming is proving to be a success in Roosevelt county, but there is no water like Kentucky and Tennessee water. We have fairly good water, which I am proud of. Have good health as usual, which is a great blessing. I hope my dear aunt will improve fast, and soon regain her health. As this is my first to the News, I will ring off. EDWARD ROBERTSON.

PAID 1ST.

The News Honor Roll. "Is Your Name Written There?"

May E. Wilmore, E. R. Young, W. H. Newby, E. H. Conover, J. B. Bell, G. H. Henson, Elias Wethington, H. C. Peyton, J. R. Bell, Bu Wethington, S. F. Bennett, Ezekiel Wethington, Boss Wethington, W. C. Montgomery, T. J. Goode, J. W. Fair, V. M. Lester, Dr. L. F. Hammonds, J. D. Jones, J. B. Rubarts, S. G. Vaughan, John Vaughan, D. W. Kinnaird, M. L. Mitchell, J. R. England, B. F. Neat, S. R. Wheat, George Page.

BERKSHIRE'S FOR SALE.

If you want a fine brood sow why not not buy a berkshire. Two of as fine gilts as you ever saw. Price \$9.00 each or \$10.00 with certificate of register. Call on C. S. HARRIS.

As rapidly as the stone can be quarried and crushed it will be placed on one of the main thoroughfares of the town. The council was a little slow in starting, but they are making permanent roads.

GIVE US RURAL ROUTES.

Adair County Should Not be Left Out on this Score.

Why content ourselves with the old order of things and do without the advantages the Government is willing to give just for the asking? There ought to be six or eight free rural routes centering in Columbia. The citizens of Adair county are as justly entitled to have daily mail, at their doors, as any people between the Oceans. Free rural routes ought to be established throughout this section. They would prove of great worth to Columbia and the country and would bring to this section several thousand dollars annually to meet the expense of the service. There is no need of further waiting and the proper legal steps should be taken at once. We are ready and willing to join the procession, in fact, if a move is not made at an early date, we expect to stir a little on this line if it is even a game of going it alone. Better mail facilities will bring us all closer together.

Our neighboring town of Russell Springs seems in a very thriving condition. Many new residences are in course of construction, the population materially increasing and business generally in a very prosperous condition.

FOR SALE OR RENT--A dwelling of 5 rooms and 5 acres of ground, one mile West of Columbia. Desirable home. Call on or address. 51-tf Mrs. T. J. KRATZER, Columbia, Ky.

Our old friend, Mr. Horace K Alexander has been elected City Judge at Burkesville without opposition. J. H. Glidewell defeated R. E. McCandless for City Marshal by 51 votes.

The Somerset Mountaineer paid our townsman, Judge W. W. Jones, a nice compliment in placing his name at the head of their columns to be voted for in the race for Appellate Judge.

The old sorrel horse belonging to Mr. R. T. McCaffree, died last Friday from botts. Old Bob was, at least, 20 years old and filled many useful places in the service of his owner.

Don't you know that a graded Public School would add more to the growth and prosperity of the town than any other investment, of double the cost, that Columbians could make.

W. H. Wilson left last Thursday, for the Louisville stock yards with a carload of fat swine. The porkers were loaded at Greensburg.

I will pay for old corn 50 cents per bushel, 40 cents for new and 70 cents for good wheat either at mill or T. G. Rasner's Store in Columbia. J. S. STAPP.

Rev. Wm. H. of Columbia, delivered a very fine discourse at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning last. Green County Record.

With a clean folder and new tapes we present the News this week in clean and compact form, brim full and running over.

The two rural routes in Taylor county are giving splendid satisfaction. Isn't it about time something was coming to old Adair?

Mr. T. G. Rasner will deliver meal, flour or shipstuff, in any quantity inside of Columbia. Call on him. 1-2t. J. S. STAPP.

The Misses Eubank are having an excellent trade and wish to thank the public. New hats are added every week. Give them a call. 1-1t.

If this issue proves that the News in its new form is worth one \$ send us your subscription.

In Cumberland county the voters decided that cattle should run at large by the majority of 357.

Our Holiday Goods will begin to arrive in a few days. Watch our Windows. 52-2t RUSSELL & CO.

A splendid jersey cow with young calf for sale. E. W. REED. 1-1t.